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said first element having cooperating means for cooperating with said third element;
 releasably connecting means for releasably connecting said first element and said second element to each other and at least said first element and said third element;
 said third element having an outer spherical surface;
 said first element having a partial spherical surface for engaging a portion of said outer spherical surface of said third element;
 said second element having a partial spherical surface for engaging another portion of said outer spherical surface of said third element;
 and said releasably connecting means including means for releasably connecting said first element, said third element, and said second element to each other to retain each of said first segment and said second segment in any position to which each of said first segment and said second segment is moved.

25. A keyboard including:
 first and second segments, each of said first segment and said second segment having a plurality of keys;
 each of said first segment and said second segment having an abutting surface;
 connecting means for connecting said first segment and said second segment to each other for enabling relative movement between said first segment and said second segment, for holding said first segment and said second segment in any position to which first segment and said second segment are moved relative to each other including holding said abutting surfaces of said first segment and said second segment in abutting relation, and for enabling disconnection of said first segment and said second segment from each other;
 each of said first segment and said second segment having three pivotally mounted support means disposed on its bottom for supporting each of said first segment and said second segment, each of said three pivotally mounted support means being separately movable between a rest position and a support position in which said pivotally mounted support means extends beyond the plane of the bottom of said first segment or said second segment on which said pivotally mounted support means is pivotally mounted for at least one selected length;
 two of said three pivotally mounted support means on each of said first segment and said second segment being disposed adjacent the rear of each of said first segment and said second segment;
 and a third of said three pivotally mounted support means on each of said first segment and said second segment

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being disposed adjacent said abutting surface of each of said first segment and said second segment and the front of each of said first segment and said second segment.

26. The keyboard according to claim **25** in which each of said pivotally mounted support means includes:
 a first pivotally mounted support;
 and a second pivotally mounted support having a greater length than said first pivotally mounted support, only one of said first pivotally mounted support and said second pivotally mounted support being utilized at any time to raise the portion of said first segment or said second segment to which said pivotally mounted support means is attached.

27. The keyboard according to claim **26** in which said second pivotally mounted support has means for enabling nesting of said first pivotally mounted support within said second pivotally mounted support when said first pivotally mounted support and said second pivotally mounted support are in their rest positions.

28. The keyboard according to claim **27** including:
 extension means supported by said second pivotally mounted support for selectively increasing the effective length of said second pivotally mounted support;
 and said first pivotally mounted support having receiving means for receiving said extension means when said extension means is retracted within said second pivotally mounted support and said first pivotally mounted support and said second pivotally mounted support are in their rest positions.

29. The keyboard according to claim **28** in which:
 each of said three pivotally mounted support means is disposed adjacent a different corner of each of said first segment and said second segment on which said three pivotally mounted support means are mounted;
 and said two pivotally mounted support means have the same pivot axis and said third pivotally mounted support means has its pivot axis perpendicular to the pivot axis of said two pivotally mounted support means.

30. The keyboard according to claim **25** in which:
 each of said three pivotally mounted support means is disposed adjacent a different corner of each of said first segment and said second segment on which said three pivotally mounted support means are mounted;
 and said two pivotally mounted support means have the same pivot axis and said third pivotally mounted support means has its pivot axis perpendicular to the pivot axis of said two pivotally mounted support means.

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